

International Crime and Communism

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WHILE THE MASSES think ideology is the driving force in revolution, those who do the planning and plotting know that the most important thing is *money*. The involvement of "international bankers" in the Communist takeover of Russia is well known. Today the activities of international bankers and financiers, international gangsters and international Communists are so entwined that one could hardly exist without the other.

We have been treated to many pious investigations and exposures of the Cosa Nostra and politicians "linked" to the Mafia, but these exposures are quite selective and leave the impression that the Mafia is the ultimate in international gangsterism. Actually the Mafia is the activist criminal arm, as Communism is the activist political arm, of a bigger and more secret conspiracy.

International Crime Syndicate

A world-wide crime syndicate operates in and out of countries and enjoys the cooperation and protection of many seemingly respectable non-gangster types. Swiss banks (and numbered accounts) with their branch banks, such as Atlas in the Bahamas, make it possible for illegal money to become respectable and to be used without interference from the U.S. tax collectors. The most important source of illegal money is gambling casinos. In the United States, seven billion dollars a year is "skimmed" off the profits before a report is made to the Internal Revenue Service. Other

sources are vending machines, as well as various types of openly illegal activity such as security thefts, etc.

The illegal money is transported out of the United States by "bag men" who actually can be bank presidents or directors. These bag men pick up suitcases full of money which they take by devious routes to the "financial genius" of the crime world, Meyer Lansky, who divides it up and sends them on their way.

One of Lansky's bag men has been Sylvain Ferdmann, an international banker and economist who organized the Atlas Bank in the Bahamas as a subsidiary of the International Credit Bank in Switzerland in which the illegal money is "laundered."

Communist Expense Money

On his trips back to the United States, after having deposited the illegal money in the Swiss bank, Ferdmann would carry Communist money for distribution to members and functionaries of the Communist Party in the United States.

President of the International Credit Bank, which has strong ties with Communist countries, is Dr. Tibor Rosenbaum. It is obvious from Rosenbaum's listing in *Who's Who in World Jewry*, that he is truly an "international man." He has diplomatic status as a consul of Liberia and reportedly travels on an Albanian passport, has business interests in Liberia and Israel as well as his banking interests in Switzerland and the Bahamas.

Serving gambling interests in the Ba-

hamas and the United States yields money to invest in Israel for Rosenbaum of Switzerland as well as another seemingly legitimate business man and philanthropist in the United States — Max Orovitz of Miami Beach. Orovitz has been a bank director, university trustee, civic leader and economic developer of Israel, having been part of the "Miami Group" which invested millions in Israel.

It was in his office that the gambling casino on Grand Bahama Island was planned by Meyer Lansky and his cohorts. Orovitz is listed as an officer of the operating company.

Multi-Millionaire "Operator"

Orovitz is a multi-millionaire with many varied and far-flung interests. This is revealed by his lengthy background in *Who's Who in World Jewry*.

Poor's Register of 1961 shows Orovitz as Treasurer and Director of the General Development Corporation and lists Gardner Cowles (Council on Foreign Relations member) as a Director. The sales range of the organization was given as 50 to 75 million. Orovitz was indicted in connection with some dealings in General Development. He played a "behind-the-scenes" role in Grand Bahama affairs starting from the time his office was used as the meeting place to plan the gambling casino.

A more recent entry in the Bahamas gambling activities has been Bernard Cornfeld of "People's Capitalism" fame. His Investors Overseas Services has obtained control of Resorts International, Inc. which had resulted from the reorganization of the Mary Carter Paint Company. In July 1968 plans were announced by the Cornfeld organization to build a \$40 million luxury apartment and club complex in Florida near the home of Meyer Lansky. The Securities and Exchange Commission has been checking on Cornfeld's operations over the years and reportedly suspects that Investors Overseas Services, because its principle of "confidentiality," may be

used to conceal "hot money" from criminal operations in the Bahamas and Nevada. The gambling profits could be "laundered" and emerge as "clean money" to be invested in respectable operations anywhere in the world.

Lansky Subpoenaed

A U.S. grand jury in Miami, Florida has been conducting an investigation concerning Mafia leaders whose operations cover New York, Chicago, Florida, and other locations. Among those subpoenaed is Meyer Lansky who consistently has been untouchable, and who is the secret head of the entire crime syndicate in the U.S. Meyer Lansky is an alias; this crime overlord originally was given the name Maier Suchowljansky. He was born in Poland in 1902 and came to New York with his parents from Poland in 1911.

Prior to Meyer Lansky's financing and directing the Mafia and crime syndicate, the post had been held by Arnold Rothstein who was murdered in 1928. Among other Lansky associates in the past have been "Louie" Lepke Buchalter (head of an assassination group known as Murder, Inc.) and Abner "Longie" Zwillman. Meyer Lansky resides at 612 Hibiscus Dr., Hollendale, Fla. and also keeps a secret apartment in New York City. He operates from his headquarters in the Singapore Hotel on Collins Ave. in Miami Beach. A highly confidential source advised that Lansky has personal cash, real estate, and investments valued in excess of \$300 million. Lansky had financial interests in Emby Distributing Corp. (juke boxes), Consolidated Television, Inc., Tele-A-King, Inc., Elane Food Co. and Molaska (molasses syndicate), which funneled supplies to illegal stills all over the U.S. during prohibition days, and today he has international investments both legitimate and illegal.

Newspaper Expose Published

An expose published a few years ago

in the *Miami Herald* quoted Elliott Roosevelt, then mayor of Miami Beach, as stating: "The mob doesn't run this town. The mob owns it."

Lansky's most active front-man is named as Isidore Blumenfeld, alias Kid Cann, who operates with a group of relatives through what is called the "Minneapolis Combination." Listed as members of this group are: Yiddy Bloom, his brother; Harry Bloom, another brother; Abe Brownstein, prohibition bootlegger; and Edward Berman, now deceased. The *Miami Herald* article states:

"Day by day, piece by piece, the racketeers are expanding their investments and their eventual economic and political control of the community.

"Some of the best legal and financial brains in the nation have helped them design a labyrinth of corporations, deeds, mortgages, leases and sub-leases. The merry-go-rounds hide their interests and confuse the Internal Revenue Service.

"The intricate maneuvering is also a way to milk cash out of the hotels or set up fraudulent bankruptcies."

Two Billions in Assets

Latest figures available indicate that Bernard Cornfeld and his Investors Overseas Service manage over two billion dollars in mutual fund assets. How much of this is Meyer Lansky and Communist money is not easily ascertainable. It is, however, known that for a period of years Lansky, through the use of "dummy corporations," politicians, bribery, and front men, managed eventually to obtain control of the multi-million-dollar plush gambling casinos in the Bahamas. As soon as full control had been obtained, Cornfeld's investors Overseas Service took over the entire operation.

Until the Securities and Exchange Commission took action against Cornfeld's Geneva and Panama based financial octopus, Cornfeld was involved with gambling enterprises in Nevada as also was Meyer Lansky. The importance

of the crime syndicate is such that a foundation financed by gambling operations kept Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas on the payroll. Cornfeld keeps former American Deputy Ambassador to the U.N., James Roosevelt, son of FDR, on his payroll at a high figure.

Hiding the Money

The biggest problem the crime syndicate faces is what to do with the hundreds of millions of dollars they acquire. If it is banked or invested in the U.S., it may be traced by Federal Internal Revenue Agents and would become subject to high tax. It is necessary, therefore, that secret bank accounts be maintained, foreign corporations set up for the purpose of banking and investing these fantastically large sums of money. The nature of such illegal financial transactions requires conspiratorial activities and the Communists are the world's largest group of conspirators with secret agents almost everywhere. Thus, it is that the same bank which handles the crime syndicate money handles banking operations for Communist countries. As we pointed out, the same couriers who take satchels full of money to the bank in Switzerland bring other money back for the use of the Communists.

Even the Communist Party in the United States is wealthy and cannot become involved in legitimate business in its own name. Communist funds often are invested by individuals in their own names and, upon their deaths, the funds are returned to the Party. When the Communist Party "inherits" a large sum of money upon the death of an individual, it is quite possible that the money belonged to the Party in the first place. As far back as 1939 it was disclosed in Hearings of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives that the Communist Party had vast sums of money. An accountant working for the House Committee checked 43 bank accounts in

which the Communist Party made deposits and for the short period covered, the total deposits were \$10,164,730.91. Three accounts were in the name of William E. Browder (who happened to be N.Y. State treasurer of the Communist Party) but the accounts gave no such indication and were in his personal name. Over a period of approximately two years the deposits in these three accounts amounted to \$1,302,177.13.

The Communists are still "pulling the wool" over the eyes of the "inno-

cents abroad" and have been amassing a great deal of money over the years which must be invested as must be the racketeers' illegitimate money. This can be done with no trouble through legitimate financiers whose only ideology is MONEY.

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Robert B. DePugh—Patriot

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into a weapon to continue the fight for principle, for pride, for honor. I will never give up."

American Press Is Silent

Following a few leftist jibes in the press during the early part of the trial, the press has remained silent.

DePugh's wife recently told THE AMERICAN MERCURY that "since Bob's arrest, there has been practically no news coverage of the situation. The news media has carried nothing; no contacts can be made with him and other Minutemen in prison by reporters or anyone else to get their own story. Their efforts for the rights of all Americans are being buried by the enemy and their influence destroyed. It is time Americans know what is happening to these heroic leaders for the cause of freedom. Their work should not be forgotten. Everyone should stand behind these men for their fight is in the interests of us all."

Mr. DePugh is now in New Mexico, where he is again under charges of firearms violations. The second amendment to the U.S. Constitution states, "The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed" and nowhere in the Constitution is there named any condition under which this

right shall be taken from the people. This case is vital to the citizens of this country. It is common knowledge at this time and a matter of history, as to the plight of nations who have had their arms taken from them. In the U.S. the insidious approach is being used, a quietly enacted regulation and then another. Soon the people of this nation may find themselves helpless and unarmed, as was England when invasion was apparently imminent in World War II, as was France, and later, as was Hungary.

This is the most important firearms case in United States history. If Robert DePugh loses this case, then the SECOND AMENDMENT to the Constitution will have been rendered null and void and the people of this nation will be disarmed.

This is the real reason for the effort to destroy Robert DePugh. He is a symbol—a symbol of the anti-communist Minutemen—a symbol of the effort to uphold the second amendment to the Constitution. He has fought a good fight, but there are those in high places who are determined to silence him.

Americans wishing to help in the legal defense of Robert DePugh should write to Patriotic Party, P.O. Box 57, Independence, Missouri 64051.